

month after more than 30 distinguished years in law enforcement.

Mr. Placido began his law enforcement career with the U.S. Customs Service, but he later joined the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and quickly rose through the ranks, using his foreign affairs experience and leadership skills to manage counter-narcotics efforts both in domestic and foreign posts. In his time with DEA, he acted, among other things, as a Team Leader for the Tactical Intelligence Unit in Peru, a Senior Inspector with the Office of Professional Responsibility, and a Country Attaché for Bolivia.

In his two years as the Regional Director for the Mexico-Central America Division, supervising and coordinating DEA operations across eight countries, Mr. Placido was credited with dismantling and disrupting several major drug trafficking cartels. His success earned him an appointment to serve as the Special Agent in Charge of DEA's New York Field Office, where he established the first Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force in the nation.

Mr. Placido's focus on multi-agency joint missions made him the right person to serve as the founding Director of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Fusion Center, where he continued to emphasize the necessity of interagency cooperation and information sharing in the fight against transnational criminal organizations.

As Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I have had the opportunity most recently to work closely with Mr. Placido in his current role as Chief of Intelligence for the DEA. During this time, I have come to appreciate his professionalism, expertise, and candor, as well as his work to cultivate extensive relationships and collaborative partnerships with other elements of the intelligence and law enforcement communities.

In particular, Mr. Placido has dedicated himself to promoting the El Paso Information Center (EPIC) as a frontline resource for law enforcement organizations. He has been an enthusiastic advocate for bringing the wide ranging expertise of federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers to bear in a variety of crucial national missions, from counter-narcotics operations to counterterrorism investigations. Under his leadership, EPIC has become a world class clearinghouse for tracking, investigating, and disrupting international drug operations.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Placido has seen the DEA's mission evolve and expand. It is truly a testament to his integrity and dedication that he has met the challenges of an increasingly complex set of national security threats, without losing sight of the needs of the officers patrolling our streets.

The Nation is better and safer as a result of Mr. Placido's service. For that, I pay tribute to him.

HONORING LLOYD A. SEMPLE AS
CHAIR OF THE MICHIGAN CHAPTER
OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in appreciation of Lloyd A. Semple. On De-

cember 2nd he will step down after a successful tenure as Chair of the Michigan Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Lloyd has provided extraordinary leadership in shepherding The Nature Conservancy into its next decade of conservation. As Chair, he held the gavel as the Great Lakes Project was launched on Mackinac Island in 2008, and was at the helm when The Nature Conservancy completed the largest conservation project in Michigan's history.

Lloyd joined the Michigan Board of The Nature Conservancy in 2003 and has remained an active member of the Board through his tenure as Chair, which started in 2008. His philanthropic nature is further exemplified by his positions as Vice Chairman of the National Audubon Society's Board of Directors and member of the Executive Committee of the Detroit Zoological Society's Board of Directors. These commitments require time and energy, which Lloyd has selflessly volunteered year after year.

It is my belief that we do not inherit the Earth from previous generations, but we borrow it from future ones. By continuing to expand our scientific knowledge and by conserving pristine wildlife habitat, we are fulfilling our role as stewards of the environment. Lloyd Semple successfully championed this vision as Chair.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 581 and 582, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND
CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. MILO
SHULT TO ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize the service of one Arkansas Agriculture's greatest advocates—Dr. Milo Shult, who is retiring this year.

Since 1992, Dr. Shult has served Arkansas's agricultural community as the vice president for agriculture of the University of Arkansas System and I express my sincere gratitude to him and his family for their steadfast service to 'The Natural State.'

Agriculture is a critical part of our State's economy, accounting for more than \$16 billion in added value, 12 percent of GDP, and supporting more than 250,000 jobs. Dr. Shult's administration of the Agricultural Experimentation Station and Cooperative Extension Service have strengthened Arkansas's agribusiness and his legacy will ensure that our State will continue to be a national leader in agriculture research and the production of food and fiber. It has been an honor and a privilege to get to know and work with Dr. Shult during my service in Congress. He has

always been a strong voice for Arkansas agriculture in communicating their needs to the Arkansas Congressional Delegation and his leadership has helped us remain focused on making our State a leader in food safety, resource management, sustainability, and other critical research.

Dr. Shult has also been a regional and national leader for agriculture advocacy and his service includes, but is not limited to: National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges Chair of the Board on Agriculture, president of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists, service on the National Agricultural Library Board of Directors, 4-H Natural Resources Program Steering Committee, United States Department of Agriculture, USDA, Natural Resource National Initiative Task Force. He has also chaired the USDA Research, Education, and Economics Information System, REEIS, Steering Committee since 1997.

While the University of Arkansas System may be losing one of its most valued vice presidents, I know that the agriculture community, particularly Arkansas's, will continue to have a strong voice and a friend in Dr. Milo Shult. On behalf of myself and Arkansas's Third Congressional District I say "Thank You" for your selfless dedication and commitment to 'The Natural State' and the advancement of agriculture everywhere.

CONGRATULATING MURRAY
KALISH

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am both honored and privileged to rise to congratulate a true pillar of the Palm Beach County community, Murray Kalish. Mr. Kalish will be honored on December 12, 2010 at Temple Emeth for his activism and leadership in South Florida.

Murray Kalish has repeatedly distinguished himself through his volunteer and civic activities throughout Palm Beach County. In 1992, Murray, who had previously served as vice president of the West Delray Democratic Club, formed the United South County Democratic Club. As president, Murray oversaw the largest Democratic club in the State of Florida. His insight has been sought by elected officials and candidates for decades.

Always looking for ways to contribute to his community, Murray has served on the Land Use Advisory Board, the Palm Beach County Board of Adjustment, and the Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority Advisory Board. Murray also currently serves as a board member for the Lake Worth Drainage District. First elected over a decade ago, he has dedicated his time on the board towards maintaining clean and clear canals for the people of his district.

Beyond his volunteering and activism, Murray is the symbol of a true family man. For 72 years he was a loving husband to his late wife Rosalyn, and he continues to be a dedicated father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. A true leader in every sense of the word, Murray has served not only as a friend to me, but as a mentor. I could not think of a more deserving person for Temple Emeth to bestow this